

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

THE NASA SPACE CAMP

GUEST SPEAKER: Tarran McDermid

CHAIRMAN: John Ellis

REPORTER: Kaye Carter

Tarran spoke at our club meeting at the beginning of August last year. She told us of her desire to attend a Space Camp at NASA in the USA - she was one of just 30 selected - and that she was seeking to raise several thousand dollars. We subsequently gave her \$500 and wished her well. This week she is going to tell us of her experiences.


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EDITORIAL

As I have read and heard about the range of calamities our nation has been reeling from - the biggest and longest drought in memory; bushfires impacting on what we have considered to be such a green and protected place like Tasmania; a once in a hundred year flood in North Queensland leading to such devastation not only along the eastern coastline centred on Townsville, but also in drought ravaged inland areas of that state with massive stock losses - my thoughts like everyone has been - "What can I do". There must be something I can do! What can we as a Rotary Club do? I am reminded of a poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow which was often quoted by my Dad.

*Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time;*

*Let us, then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait.*

So what more can we do? Can we collect funds for the fund featured on page 3?

OUR MEETING NEXT WEEK

THE 'YOUNG ENDEAVOUR' PROGRAM

SPEAKER: Matthew Pines

CHAIRMAN: John Ellis

REPORTER: Pat Parker

Meeting Report - Monday 11th February

President Adrian opened the meeting with 13 in attendance, 3 of whom were our Guest Speaker Jared Tong, His mother Shirley and his father Sidney. They were warmly welcomed having been introduced to members on arrival.

The president then ran through a few announcements -

The year's Big Day Out will take place on a Sunday in March. Adrian and Wendy are making the arrangements while members need to advise next week which is their preferred Sunday - 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st. Make sure you check with your 'better half' and report your preference this Monday.

Adrian reported on a successful Hills Region meeting he and PE Jim Fraser had attended the previous Thursday with each club reporting on their main activities.

John Ellis then introduced our Guest Speaker, Jared Tong. Jared had been successful in winning a place in this year's National Youth Science Forum. Jared is a student at Barker College. As an interesting aside, Jared revealed that he had accompanied Matthew Lloyd to Timor Leste with the 2017 school group to RYPEN.

Jared is the first student we have sponsored who has attended NYSF at the University of Queensland in Brisbane. He was one of 200 students, 20 of which were from NSW, and they were in residence there for 12 days. Jared did consider that one of the highlights was the trip to Brisbane by coach!

Jared quoted a saying which he had taken as being most appropriate, namely **"the Science of today is the Technology of tomorrow"**. He wants to study biomedical technology and engineering. He is fascinated by nerve tissue and how it works - and the possibilities for research developments. At NYSF he was included in a health and medical group which suited him very well. He was inspired by the range of activities he was exposed to at the university, while appreciating the value of the contacts and friendships he made during his time there.

He commented on a vocational visit which he attended during his time there. They were taken to a coffee roasting plant. Jared was somewhat sceptical of the scientific value of the visit beforehand, however he was impressed by the science that was explained and displayed at the plant.

He concluded his talk by thanking the club for sponsoring him.

President Adrian thanked Jared and his parents, Shirley and Sidney, for coming - even suggesting that they might consider joining the club - and closed the meeting.



President Adrian with Jared Tong



Jared and his parents Sidney and Shirley with John Ellis

ROTARY DROUGHT RELIEF

A reminder that our club's response to the drought devastating our farmers in NSW is ongoing. At present we are particularly collecting 'back to school' supplies to assist affected families ensure their children are properly equipped for the start of the school year. Other goods appropriate for farm families are also very welcome, as is money as an alternative.

A BLAST FROM THE PAST!



This is a picture from our club's archive. It was taken in November 1996 when a large number of seedlings grown in the shade house in the background at Pennant Hills Public School were picked up for planting out west. The seedlings were grown from seed by the children under the supervision of our member, Jack Reid - he's the good looking fellow standing on the right. The other fellow kneeling at left is a teacher, John Hume. This was part of the "Greening Australia" Rotary Project our club was involved in.



Disastrous flooding in North Queensland has left many families and individuals in need of assistance in their recovery. The appeal is designed to assist those families and individuals whose needs are not covered by insurance and Government assistance. On Monday 4th Feb 2019, the Rotary Club of Townsville South West registered the following RAWCS - Rotary... Australia World Community Service RABS Project - (Rotary Australia Benevolent Society) Project: "D9550 North Queensland Flood Appeal". Project Number 74-2018-19: (RABS) Link for donations: <https://donations.rawcs.com.au/74-2018-19> Manager: PDG Robert Tardiani



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THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
Feb 25th	"The Young Endeavour Program"	Matthew Pines	John Ellis	Pat Parker
March 4th	TBA	TBA	President Adrian	David Firth
March 29-31	DISTRICT CONFERENCE	TO BE HELD AT	NEX NEWCASTLE	KING STREET, NEWCASTLE
April 6th	Murder Mystery Weekend	at Blackheath	see Theo Glockemann	for bookings and details
April 15th	Hills District Rotary Meeting (see details below)	at Springfield House, Dural	PE Keith Ball WPH/ Cherrybrook Club	David Firth

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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Graeme Ashdown - February 28th

ANNIVERSARIES

David & Heather Firth - February 5th

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Ahmadul Ameen - January 22nd

Jim Fraser - February 1st

Ian Huckel - February 10th

ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

Member Attendance

62.5%

Apologies:

Theo Glockemann, Ian Huckel,
Pam Hudson, Terry Pankhurst, Phil Stanton

Guest Speaker:

Jared Tong

Visitors:

Shirley and Sidney Tong

Visiting Rotarians:

Nil

DETAILS OF THE COMBINED MEETING ON 15th APRIL - NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE

Venue. Springfield House Dural – 6.30 for 7.

Address: 245 New Line Rd, Dural NSW 2128 Australia

Speaker: Riccardo Bosi – Author and former Australian Army Special Forces Lieutenant Colonel

Meal cost: \$32 for two courses. (main and dessert). Payment required by April 12th

Attendance booking: Please email Keith Ball (keith@keithball.id.au) and include any dietary requirements. Numbers by April 5th.

This is a partners' meeting open to family and friends.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Older people often mistakenly consider that the young people do not care about their country, but the reverse is actually true."

Peter Cosgrove